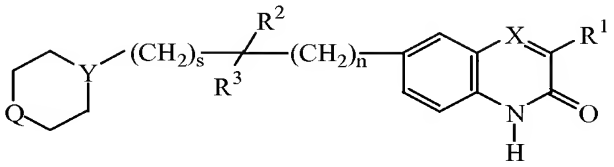
Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application.

1. (Original) A compound of formula (I),



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the *N*-oxide forms, the addition salts and the stereo-chemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

n is 0 or 1;

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Y is –N< or –CH<;

Q is –NH-, -O-, -C(O)-, -CH_2-CH_2- or -CHR^5-,
wherein R^5 is hydrogen, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, arylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkylamino or haloindazolyl;

R^1 is C_{1-6}alkyl or thienyl;

R^2 is hydrogen or taken together with R^3 may form =O;

R^3 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl or a radical selected from

- NR^6R^7	(a-1),
-O-H	(a-2),
-O-R^8	(a-3),
-S- R^9	(a-4), or
—C≡N	(a-5),

wherein

R^6 is –CHO, C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonylaminoC_{1-6}alkyl, piperidinylC_{1-6}alkyl, piperidinylC_{1-6}alkylaminocarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, thienylC_{1-6}alkyl, pyrrolylC_{1-6}alkyl, arylC_{1-6}alkylpiperidinyl, arylcarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, arylcarbonylpiperidinylC_{1-6}alkyl, haloindozolylpiperidinylC_{1-6}alkyl, or arylC_{1-6}alkyl(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl; and

R^7 is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl;

R^8 is C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl; and

R^9 is di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl;

or R^3 is a group of formula

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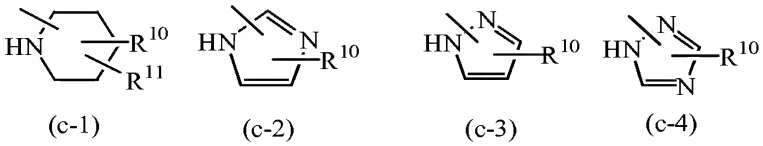
wherein

t is 0, 1 or 2;

Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from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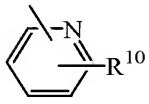
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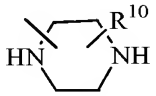
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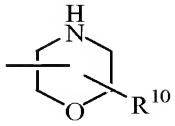
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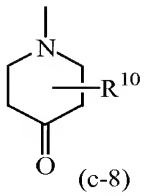
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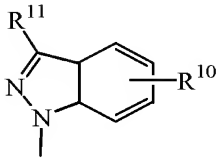
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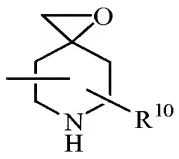
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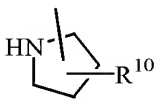
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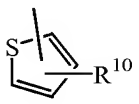
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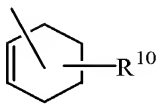
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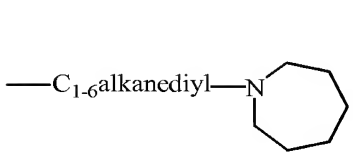
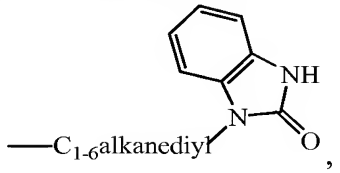
wherein each R^{10} independently is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxy,


, 
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C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkylamino, di(phenylC_{2-6}alkenyl), piperidinylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{3-10}cycloalkyl, C_{3-10}cycloalkylC_{1-6}alkyl, aryloxy(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, haloindazolyl, arylC_{1-6}alkyl, arylC_{2-6}alkenyl, morpholino, C_{1-6}alkylimidazolyl, or pyridinylC_{1-6}alkylamino;
each R^{11} independently is hydrogen, hydroxy, piperidinyl or aryl;

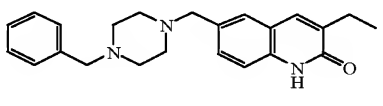
aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with halo, C_{1-6}alkyl or C_{1-6}alkyloxy;

with the proviso that 6-(cyclohexyl-1*H*-imidazol-1-ylmethyl)-3-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinoxalinone is not included.

2. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein X is –N= or -CH=; R^1 is C_{1-6}alkyl; R^3 is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, a radical selected from (a-1), (a-2), (a-3) or (a-4) or a group of formula (b-1); R^6 is di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl or C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl; R^7 is hydrogen; R^8 is di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl; t is 0 or 2; Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from (c-1), (c-5), (c-6), (c-8), (c-10), (c-12) or (c-13); each R^{10} independently is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkylamino, morpholino, C_{1-6}alkylimidazolyl, or pyridinylC_{1-6}alkylamino; each R^{11}independently is hydrogen or hydroxy; and aryl is phenyl.

3. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1 ~~and 2~~ wherein n is 0; X is CH; Q is –NH-, $-CH_2-CH_2-$ or $-CHR^5-$, wherein R^5 is hydrogen, hydroxy, or arylC_{1-6}alkyl; R^1 is C_{1-6}alkyl; R^2 is hydrogen; R^3 is hydrogen, hydroxy or a group of formula (b-1); t is 0; Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from (c-8) or (c-13); each R^{10} independently is hydrogen; and aryl is phenyl.

4. (Currently Amended) A compound ~~according to claim 1, 2 and 3 wherein the compound is~~ selected from the group consisting of: ~~compound No 7, compound No 2, compound No 1 and compound No 11.~~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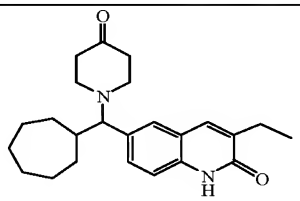
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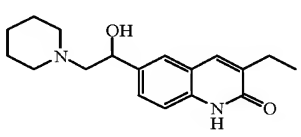
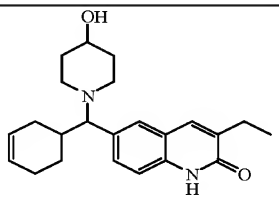
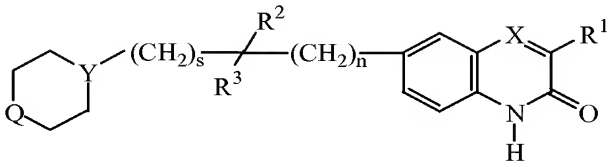
 Compound 1	 Compound 11

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~to 4~~.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method of treating ~~Use of a compound for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of~~ in a subject a PARP mediated disorder, comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of ~~wherein the compound is~~ a compound of formula (I)



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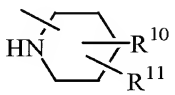
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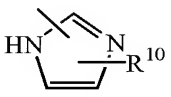
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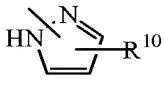
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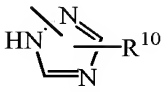
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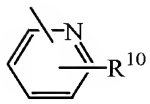
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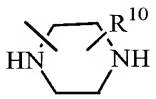
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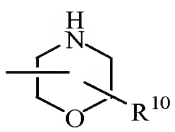
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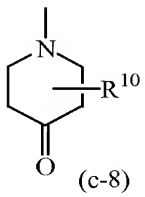
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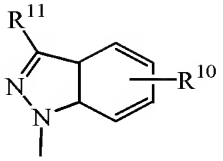
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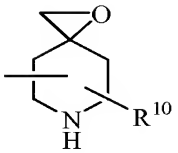
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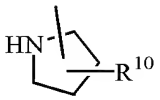
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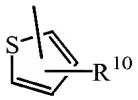
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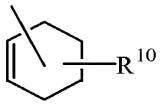
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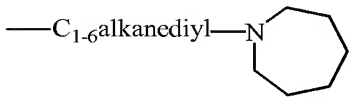
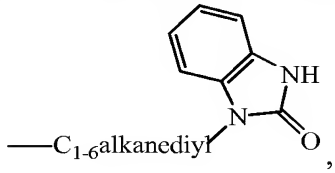

, 
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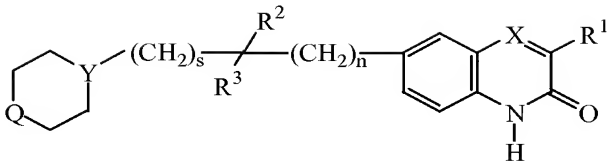
aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with halo, C_{1-6}alkyl or C_{1-6}alkyloxy.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method for enhancing the effectiveness of chemotherapy of comprising administration of a compound according to claim 1, in a therapeutically effective amount so as to increase sensitivity of cells to chemotherapy, prior to administration of said chemotherapy ~~Use according to claim 8 and 9 wherein the treatment involves chemosensitization~~.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for enhancing the effectiveness of radiotherapy of comprising administration of a compound accordning to claim 1, in a therapeutically effective amount so as to increase sensitivity of cells to ionizing radiation, prior to administration of said radiotherapy ~~Use according to claims 8 and 9 wherein the treatment involves radiosensitization~~.

12. (Original) A combination of a compound with a chemotherapeutic agent wherein said compound is a compound of formula (I)



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-O-R^8	(a-3),
-S- R^9	(a-4), or
—C≡N	(a-5),

wherein
R^6 is –CHO, C_{1-6}alkyl, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonylaminoC_{1-6}alkyl, piperidinylC_{1-6}alkyl, piperidinylC_{1-6}alkylaminocarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, thienylC_{1-6}alkyl, pyrrolylC_{1-6}alkyl, arylC_{1-6}alkylpiperidinyl, arylcarbonylC_{1-6}alkyl, arylcarbonylpiperidinylC_{1-6}alkyl, haloindozolylpiperidinylC_{1-6}alkyl, or arylC_{1-6}alkyl(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl; and

R^7 is hydrogen or C_{1-6}alkyl;

R^8 is C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl; and

R^9 is di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-6}alkyl;

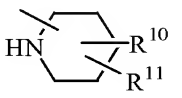
or R^3 is a group of formula

$-(CH_2)_t$-Z- (b-1),

wherein

t is 0, 1 or 2;

Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from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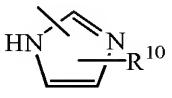
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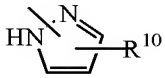
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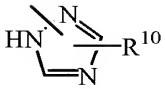
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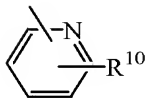
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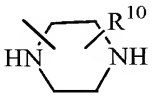
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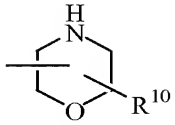
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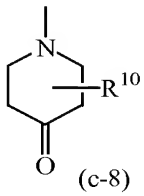
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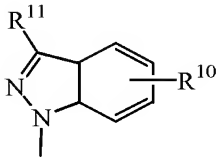
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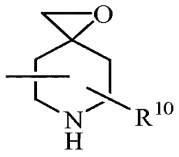
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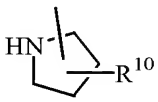
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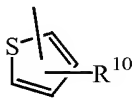
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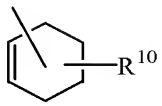
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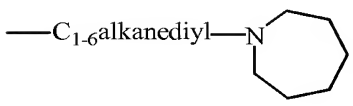
wherein each R^{10} independently is hydrogen, C_{1-6}alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxy,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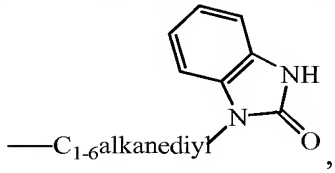
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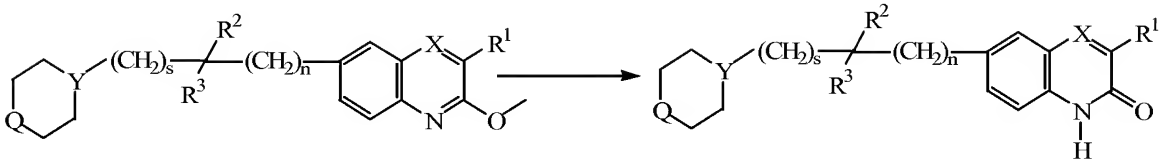
C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxyC_{1-6}alkylamino, di(phenylC_{2-6}alkenyl), piperidinylC_{1-6}alkyl, C_{3-10}cycloalkyl, C_{3-10}cycloalkylC_{1-6}alkyl, aryloxy(hydroxy)C_{1-6}alkyl, haloindazolyl, arylC_{1-6}alkyl, arylC_{2-6}alkenyl, morpholino, C_{1-6}alkylimidazolyl, or pyridinylC_{1-6}alkylamino;

each R^{11} independently is hydrogen, hydroxy, piperidinyl or aryl;

aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with halo, C_{1-6}alkyl or C_{1-6}alkyloxy.

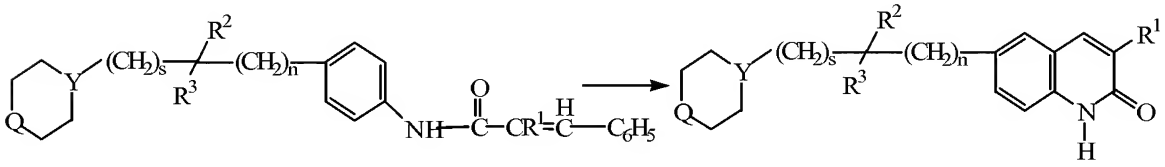
13. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, comprising ~~characterized by~~

a) ~~the~~ hydrolysis of intermediates of formula (VIII), ~~according to art-known methods, by submitting the intermediates of formula (VIII) to appropriate reagents, such as, tinchloride, acetic acid and hydrochloric acid, in the presence of a reaction inert solvent, e.g. tetrahydrofuran.~~



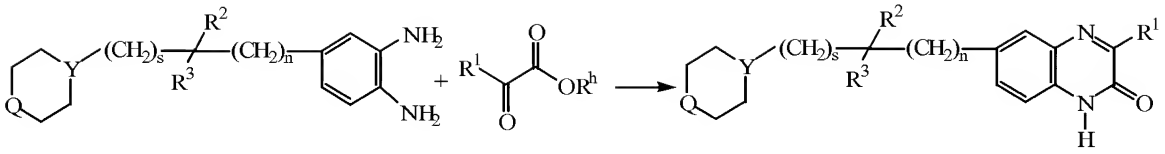
(VII I) (I)

b) ~~the~~ cyclization of intermediates of formula (X), ~~according to art-known cyclizing procedures into compounds of formula (I) wherein X is CH herein referred to as compounds of formula (I-j), preferably in the presence of a suitable Lewis Acid, e.g. aluminum chloride either neat or in a suitable solvent such as, for example, an aromatic hydrocarbon, e.g. benzene, chlorobenzene, methylbenzene and the like; halogenated hydrocarbons, e.g. trichloromethane, tetrachloromethane and the like; an ether, e.g. tetrahydrofuran, 1,4-dioxane and the like or mixtures of such solvents.~~ and



(X) (I-j)

c) ~~the~~ condensation of an appropriate ortho-benzenediamine of formula (XI) with an ester of formula (XII) into compounds of formula (I), wherein X is N and R^2 taken together with R^3 forms =O, herein referred to as compounds of formula (I-a-1), ~~in the presence of a carboxylic acid, e.g. acetic acid and the like, a mineral acid such as, for example hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, or a sulfonic acid such as, for example, methanesulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid and the like.~~



(XI) (XII) (I-i)